



Baldwin Christian Reformed Church

Rooted in God's Word, Growing in the Faith,

Bearing Fruit in the World

Lord's Day 21 May 23, 2021

Welcome to all who have gathered to worship today! It is our goal to glorify the Lord, our Maker and Redeemer, God in whom is our help and hope. When Jesus was on earth, he promised, "...Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matthew 18:20). We believe he is with us in church buildings and everywhere. We desire that he would deepen our faith, hope, and love. While things feel a bit different, we rest in the assurance that God reigns and his purposes are not thwarted. "...[Nothing] in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 104:1-5

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Song:** **Lord, Most High** Fitts/Harris/Sadler LUYH 593

***God's Greeting**

***Song:** **Ten Thousand Reasons** Myrin/Redman LUYH 559

We Humbly Turn to God for Mercy

Call to Confession: John 14:15-18, 21, 24, 26

"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you...Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him...He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me...The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

Prayer of Confession: Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook* Q.2.2.4

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

...As surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you...was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes." For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Song of Response: **Change My Heart, O God** Espinosa

Prayers of the People

God Speaks from His Word

Children's Message

Scripture: Haggai 2:1-23

On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: "Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, 'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, O Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD. 'Be strong, O Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the LORD, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the LORD Almighty. 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'

This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty. 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."

On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Haggai: "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Ask the priests what the law says: If a person carries consecrated meat in the fold of his garment, and that fold touches some bread or stew, some wine, oil or other food, does it become consecrated?'"

The priests answered, "No."

Then Haggai said, "If a person defiled by contact with a dead body touches one of these things, does it become defiled?"

"Yes," the priests replied, "it becomes defiled."

Then Haggai said, "'So it is with this people and this nation in my sight,' declares the LORD. 'Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled. Now give careful thought to this from this day on—consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the LORD's temple. When anyone came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When anyone went to a wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were only twenty. I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not turn to me,' declares the LORD. 'From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid. Give careful thought: Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit.

From this day on I will bless you.'"

The word of the LORD came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month: "Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that I will shake the heavens and the earth. I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother.

'On that day,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,' declares the LORD Almighty."

Message: Struck in the Past, Still Faithful

Prayer of Application

We Are Sent by God to Serve

***Song of Response:** **O Worship the King** Grant PsH 428 v1,2-5

***Benediction**

***Closing Song:** **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus** Duffield PsH 559

***Postlude**

OFFERING NOTES

Those in attendance at worship services may place their offering in the plate at the entrance to the sanctuary or offerings may be mailed to Baldwin CRC. Please make sure to note what date/cause your offering is for.

Today's offering is for the General Fund, part of which supports denominational ministry shares for Congregational Services ministry. This provides financial support to the following denominational ministries supporting churches and members throughout the United States and Canada: Aboriginal Ministries (Canada), The Banner, Centre for Public Dialogue, Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Disability Concerns, Faith Formation Ministries, Pastor Church Resources, Race Relations, Safe Church Ministry, Office of Social Justice, and Worship Ministries. Find out more at crcna.org/services.

Next week's offering is for Glenn and Sue Kennedy, missionaries with Christians in Action Missions International (Okinawa, Japan). Glenn also founded Asian Relief Medical Services (ARMS), and serves in executive roles with CINAMI. Sue was raised in Baldwin CRC. Find out more at cinami.org/missionary/kennedy-glenn-sue.

PRAYER REMINDERS

- Pray for God's comfort and peace to be with the De Graff family in the passing of Sylvia De Graff (Pastor Dan's grandma) on Thursday morning.
- Continue to pray for God's complete healing for Joann Doornink, who has lung cancer. She had a consultation on Friday to discuss upcoming radiation treatment.
- Continue to pray for God's complete healing for Mary Claire Friesema (Kim's aunt), who has lung cancer. Mary Claire takes an oral pill medication nightly and her cancer blood markers continue to decline. Praise God!
- Continue to pray for God's complete healing for Raquel Kool, who has breast cancer; Jodi Trunkel (Rachel's daughter), who has stomach cancer; and Al Van Someren.

- Continue to pray for Andrea Van Someren (Rachel’s daughter-in-law), who is awaiting a back fusion in June.
- Continue to pray for God to give encouragement and joy to our Care Center and Assisted Living residents: Rozella Fern and Nancy Van Someren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open House/Wedding Shower—Please join us this afternoon in the Church Fellowship Hall for the Open House/Wedding Shower for Laura Van Someren and Thomas Kool starting at 2:00PM. It will be fun and maybe a few laughs too!

Operation Christmas Child Update—“Hi we are honoured to receive your boxes. It is a blessing to us. This year I prayed and got just what I ask for. These gifts brings smiles and joy in our hearts. Thank you so much.” (Ashlee Gawanas, Namibia)

Faith Formation Ministries—At-home Faith Formation Tip—Families, check out the free downloadable resource 5 Ways to Pray with Kids—tinyurl.com/5WaysPray. Here’s one of those ways to pray: Have each person create a shape that represents what they’d like to pray about. Lego bricks, play dough, or pipe cleaners work well! Then pray about those things together.

ReFrame Ministries—Groundwork: Grow As a Disciple of Jesus Christ—God provides his grace and the Holy Spirit for our discipleship journey. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:7-15, Colossians 2:6-22, and Hebrews 6:1-12 to find out what maturing disciples of Jesus understand and recognize the signs of dynamic discipleship in your own life. Listen now or subscribe to weekly emails at GroundworkOnline.com.

THIS WEEK AT BALDWIN CRC

Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	H.S. Sunday School
	2:00 PM	Open House/Wedding Shower
Monday	6:30 PM	Crafters

SERVING OTHERS

Greeters
Praise Team
Sound Tech
Coffee

TODAY (May 23)

Bob & Barb M.
Jim L. & Libby
Eric & Kelly G.
Jim & Julie L.

NEXT WEEK (May 30)

Paul & Billie Jo
Dave A. and Marius
Mark and Murray
Marius & Raquel

LOOKING AHEAD

June 6
June 13
June 20

GREETERS

Randy & Jenifer
Dave & Karen A.
Joe & Robin

Coffee

Eric and Kelly G.
Dave & Karen A.
TBD

If you are uncomfortable with attending in-person at this time or unavailable, please find a replacement or let Dave Ashton know and he will assist. Also notify Kelly P so she can update the bulletin.

Happy Birthday this week to Lloyd Doornink on the 24th, Brittney Gullixson on the 27th, and Caleb Lokker on the 29th.

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Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

**Recorded services may be viewed on the Sermons page of our website,
the Baldwin CRC YouTube page, and Tuesdays at 10:30 AM and Fridays at
7:00 PM on local channel 16.**

Education and Fellowship Ministry Opportunities

Afternoon Bible Study - Sunday afternoons, September-April

Children, High School, Adult Sunday School - After worship, During school year

Crafters - Women's fellowship, no crafting skills required, all types of crafts welcome

Dorcas Society - Women's study and service group, third Tuesday afternoons

Friendship Ministry - For those with physical/mental disabilities, Tuesday evenings

GEMS - Young girls up to 8th grade, Monday evenings, During school year

Lending Hands Ministry

Men's Life - Men's study group, Thursday evenings, September-April

Nursing Home Ministry - Sunday afternoon services led by area churches

Share-A-Meal Ministry

Women's Bible Study - Women's study group, Monday evenings, September-April

Youth Group - High school, middle school, Wednesday evenings, During school year

Church Council

Elders

Jim Lokker, Vice-President
Dave Ashton, President
Dan De Graff, Pastor

Districts (By Last Name)

A-K
L-S
T-Z

Deacons

Chad Van Someren
Eric Gullixson, Clerk
Marius Kool

Have an announcement? Simply email BCRCbulletin@gmail.com

**Please note: All announcements must be received no later than noon on Thursday in
order to be included in the upcoming bulletin.**